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THE IMPERIOUS EX-PRESIDENCY

When Richard Nixon was President of the U.S. he appointed Gerald Ford Vice President; Roy Ash, director of Management and the Budget; and Arthur Sampson, administrator of the General Services Administration.

When Richard Nixon resigned, the three aforementioned appointees joined forces to provide their ex-boss with a "sweetheart retirement" at the expense of the long-suffering American taxpayer.

President Ford granted "a full, free, and absolute pardon unto Richard Nixon for all offenses against the United States which he, Richard Nixon, has committed or may have committed or taken part in during the period from January 20, 1969 through August 9, 1974."

He also requested Congress to vote Mr. Nixon \$850,000 in transition expenses and agreed along with Mr. Ash and Mr. Sampson to see that Mr. Nixon got what he wanted.

What Mr. Nixon wanted was plenty: over and above the \$850,000 some 22 persons detailed to San Clemente at an annual cost of \$420,000, control of his tapes and \$110,000 for a vault to keep them in, eight permanent maintenance men to look after his San Clemente residence at a cost of \$91,387, and four other GSA employees to care for Mr. Nixon's Key Biscayne residence at an annual cost of \$53,566.

Lilburn E. Boggs, deputy director of the Secret Service, has also testified that it will cost his agency about \$622,000 an-



NIXON WITH VALET AND MAID NANOLO AND FINA SANCHEZ

nually to protect Mr. Nixon at San Clemente and another \$424,000 at Key Biscayne.

Under the Former Presidents' Act and the Transition Act, Mr. Nixon is entitled to a good life—he will receive in government pensions for life a sum not less than \$80,000 a year and for office and staff maintenance no less than \$96,000

a year—which isn't bad at all to say nothing of the Secret Service protection.

Why Ford, Ash and Sampson had to provide him with carte blanche—a valet, a maid, a speech-writer, three chauffeurs, and much more, to the point where a large segment of the public was outraged, only they can tell.

Sen. Joseph Montoya (D., N. Mex.) and Rep. Tom Steed (D., Okla.) along with fellow legislators were similarly outraged by the extravagance. In committee they directed that Richard Nixon's valet and maid be removed from the federal payroll and that

the \$850,000 in funds requested for the former President's transition to private life be cut to \$328,000, a sum the House reduced to \$200,000.

Senator Montoya also pointed out that under existing law there is no limit to the number of federal employees who may be assigned to an ex-President for up to six months after he leaves office.

Here, for example, is the Nixon roster of federal personnel at San Clemente. In addition to their salaries, the first 11 persons listed are each entitled to living expenses of up to \$40 a day.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Salary</u>
1. Ronald Ziegler	Press Secretary	\$42,500
2. Raymond Price Jr.	Speechwriter	40,000
3. Rose Mary Woods	Personal Secretary	36,000
4. Franklin Gannon	Special Assistant	35,300
5. Stephen B. Bull	Special Assistant	34,000
6. Michael Sterlacci	Staff Assistant	28,263
7. Kenneth Khachigan	Special Assistant	27,500
8. Marjorie P. Acker	Staff Assistant	23,000
9. Dianne Sawyer	Assistant Press Secretary	21,000
10. Evie Brauntley	Secretary	15,700
11. Jeanne Quinlin	Secretary	13,993
12. Anne Grier	Secretary	12,979
13. Nora Vandersommen	Secretary	12,573
14. Jo Ellen Walker	Secretary	9,969
15. Lt. Col. Jack Brennan	Military Aide	25,000
16. Robert Bunn	Medical Corpsman	12,000
17. Sgt. Edmond Chevalier	Driver	33,600
18. Sgt. Gilbert Gipson	Driver	
19. Cpl. Robert Wagon	Driver	
20. Manolo Sanchez	Valet	12,000
21. Fina Sanchez	Maid	8,000
22. Jo Anne Miller	Secretary	11,000